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SUBJECT: LIBYAN PASSPORT PROBLEM

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1. AS STATE REFTEL INDICATES, ASST. SEC. NEWSOM RECENTLY HAD WIDE-RANGING DISCUSSION WITH ESSO LIBYA PRESIDENT COX CONCERNING LIBYAN PASSPORT PROBLEM, INCLUDING DISCUSSION OF CASES OF DEPENDENTS WHO HAVE HAD DIFFICULTY ENTERING LIBYA. COMPANIES HAVE AGREED PROVIDE DEPT WITH DETAILED INFO ON DEPENDENTS WHO HAVE BEEN DENIED VISAS OR ENTRY TO LIBYA. DEPT PRESENTLY HAS NO COUNT OF NUMBER OF AMERICAN DEPENDENTS WHO HAVE BEEN EXCLUDED SINCE IN SOME CASES , AS EMBASSY HAS NOTED, DEPENDENTS ARE ABLE TO ENTER ON SECOND TRY AND IN OTHERS PARENTS CHOOSE TO LEAVE CHILDREN ABROAD RATHER THAN FACE VAGARIES OF LIBYAN IMMIGRATION PROCEDURES.

2. WE DOUBT WHETHER ANY ACTION BY USG AGAINST LIBYAN DEPENDENTS WOULD EFFECT CHANGE IN LIBYAN VISA POLICY. OUR IMPRESSION IS THAT IF LARG HAD TO CHOOSE BETWEEN STUDENT
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PROGRAM AND ITS POSITION ON LANGUAGE ISSUE, IT WOULD OPT FOR

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LATTER. WE ALSO CONTINUE TO BE INFLUENCED BY ARGUMENTS SET FORTH TRIPOLI 276 FOR MAINTAINING LIBYAN STUDENT PROGRAM IN OUR OWN INTEREST.

3. DEPT WILL, HOWEVER, KEEP MATTER UNDER REVIEW AND MAY FORWARD SOME TENTATIVE PROPOSALS FOR YOUR COMMENT SOON. ROGERS

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